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SUBJECT: CNDP, AT JULY 14 MEETING WITH INTERNATIONAL FACILITATION,  
MAINTAINS HARD-LINE POSITIONS

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¶1. (SBU) Summary: The International Facilitation in Goma met with CNDP representatives Rene Abandi and Bertrand Bisimwa July 14 to discuss further the CNDP concerns outlined reftel. Abandi and Bisimwa reported that the CNDP has not backed off from these concerns, and also that the group may now have a problem with the draft amnesty law. (Note: The Amnesty Law will not be adopted during the current special session of Parliament - see para. 5. End note) The International Facilitation responded that the CNDP's positions on these issues were not helpful as they provided Facilitation and Apollinaire Malu Malu with increasingly less negotiating room. The Facilitation also stressed that the CNDP must pull back four kilometers, as previously agreed, from Kimoka camp. End summary.

¶2. (SBU) The International Facilitation in Goma met with CNDP representatives Rene Abandi and Bertrand Bisimwa July 14 to discuss further CNDP concerns raised July 11 (reftel). Abandi and Bisimwa had presented the U.S. Facilitation's reactions to these points (also outlined reftel) to their leadership the previous day. They reported that the CNDP maintains the objections outlined previously.

¶3. (SBU) In addition, Abandi and Bisimwa added yet another CNDP concern related to the draft amnesty law. The law, they said, had not been discussed with them beforehand and the CNDP could have a problem with the wording, though no further clarification was provided. The International Facilitation responded that the CNDP's positions on these issues were not helpful and provided them and Apollinaire Malu Malu increasingly less negotiating room.

¶4. (SBU) Additionally, with respect to Kimoka camp (a MONUC base located near CNDP-held territory which the CNDP has agreed to as a meeting site), the Facilitation noted that MONUC has reported that the CNDP had pulled back only two kms. from the camp, rather than 4 kms. as previously agreed. The Facilitation stressed that the CNDP must pull back the complete distance. Abandi and Bisimwa said that they would look into the situation, but did not promise to take care of it, and even said that they would in the future not promise any particular result (Note: this was a clear reference to Nkunda's displeasure with them as reported reftel. End note.).

¶5. (SBU) USAID Goma officer subsequently reported the substance of the conversation by telephone to Malu Malu, who reported that he will come to Goma again July 16 with the humanitarian commission structures decree and with the amnesty law, which he believes will pass the parliament in advance of the upcoming recess. (Note: Although the National Assembly passed the amnesty law July 12, the Senate deferred its consideration of the law on procedural grounds until parliament's September 2008 session. End note.).

¶6. (SBU) Comment: Malu Malu's return to Goma this week is good news and he will hopefully bring with him some substantial

concessions/offers which Facilitation can use to bring the CNDP back into the full parameters of the Amani process. At the same time, the CNDP's recent intransigence on a number of issues continues to be a major problem. The delay in the final examination and promulgation of the amnesty law, irrespective of the assessment of individual armed groups of the law, represents a missed opportunity to inject momentum into this sluggish phase of the Amani process. End comment.

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